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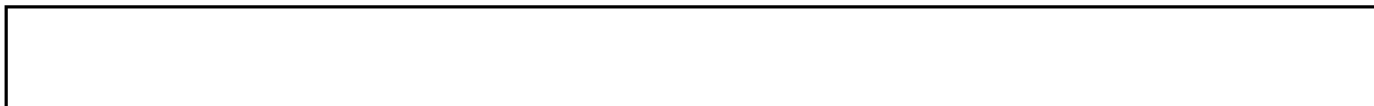
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The launch pad designated A-2 at the Tyuratam Missile Test Center, USSR was first observed on [redacted] photography in [redacted]. This area is where the initial launchings of the SS-8 missile was accomplished in [redacted].

Analysis of photography acquired between [redacted] and [redacted] revealed little or no new construction at Launch Area A-2. [redacted] Launch Area A-2 consisted of a fenced road and rail served launch pad measuring 70 by 85 feet. Three rail lines served the pad area with the center rail terminating on the pad. Five buildings, ranging in size from 20 by 25 feet to 30 by 60 feet with the latter being bunkered, are located on the south side of the pad. Two lattice towers, each approximately 130 feet tall, were located 90 feet northeast and 190 feet southwest of the center of the pad. Three light towers, approximately 50 feet high, were also situated around the pad generally off the northwest, northeast, and southeast corners.

Since [redacted] considerable construction activity has been apparent in the vicinity of Pad A-2 (Figures 1 and 2). The southern rail spur has been extended 940 feet to the east and a concrete apron has been constructed approximately 150 feet east of Pad A-2. This apron, designated as possible Pad A-4, is 200 feet long and 60 feet at its widest point. This pad is traversed by the southern rail extended from A-2 and is skirted on the north side by a bypass rail which connects to the southern rail at each end of the pad. The center rail appears to go through Pad A-2 on [redacted] however more recent photography does not reflect this fact (see dashed line on Figure 2).

Possible Launch Area A-4 has lighting facilities similar in appearance and placement to those at Pad A-2. As of [redacted] no lattice towers were discernible, however an unidentified structural object was present north of the pad positioned where a tower might be expected to be placed.

In the area south of the possible launch pad are the following structures: an earth covered building, 80 by 30 feet (Annotation 1); a possible earth-covered building, 30 by 20 feet (Annotation 2); a buried structure, 50 by 40 feet (Annotation 3); and an earth-covered structure, 50 by 40 feet (Annotation 4).

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Two hundred feet north of possible Pad A-4 is a single fenced open storage area, 100 by 100 feet. This is probably used as a vehicle and equipment park.

Measurements of buildings in this report were compiled by the CIA/IAD analyst. Tower heights and distances and the apron/pad measurements were made by the Technical Intelligence Division, NPIC. The NPIC/TID measurements are considered to be accurate within +10 feet.

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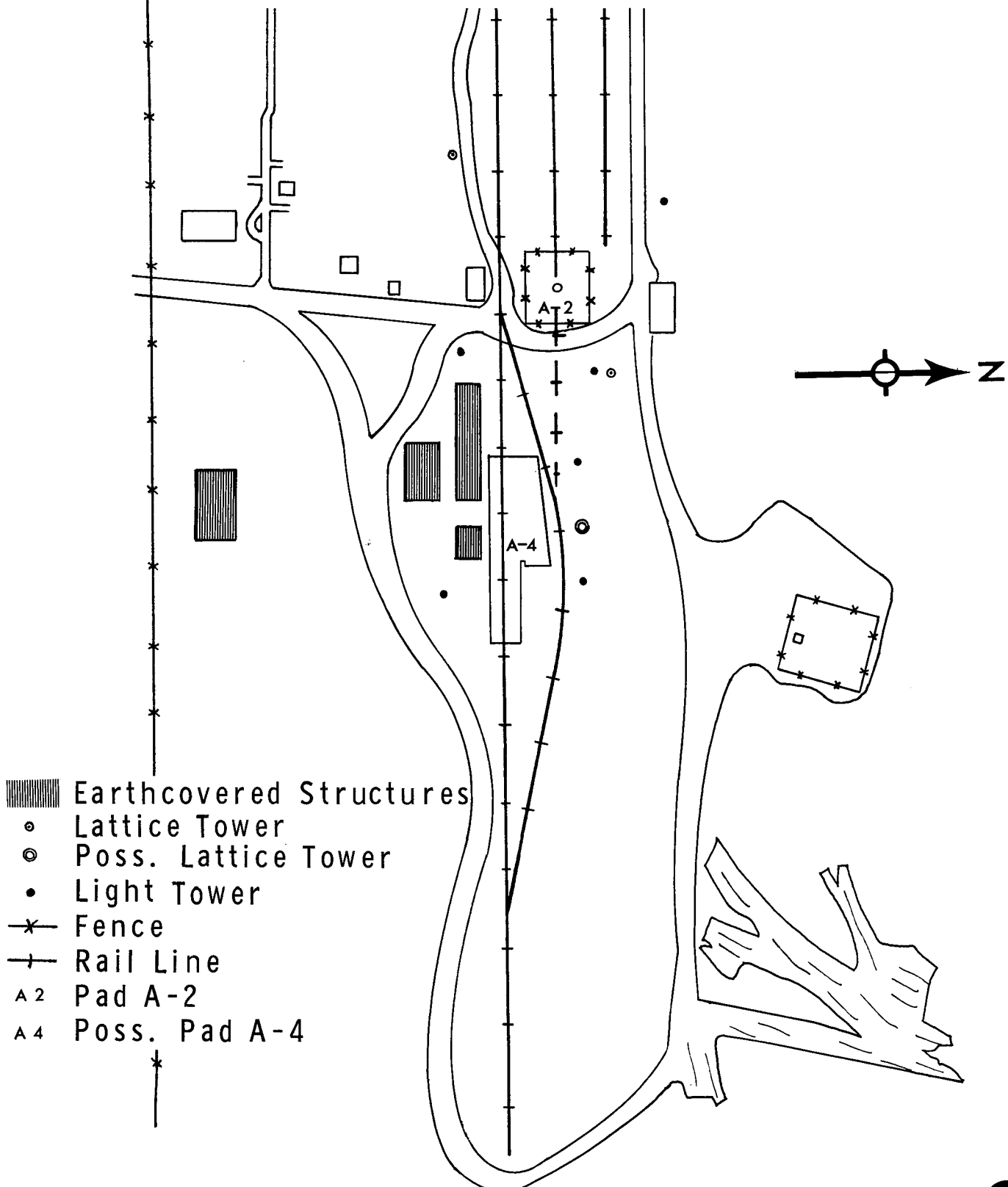
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- Earthcovered Structures
- Lattice Tower
- ⊙ Poss. Lattice Tower
- Light Tower
- ✕ Fence
- +— Rail Line
- A 2 Pad A-2
- A 4 Poss. Pad A-4

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